

What are the qualifications to become Lieutenant Governor?

The qualifications to be Lieutenant Governor are the same qualifications as the Governor.
(Cal. Constitution, Art. 5, Sec. 9)

In order to qualify to be Governor, a person must be:

1. an elector (i.e., a qualified voter, which is defined as a United States citizen, 18 years of age, who is a resident of California);
 2. a citizen of the United States;
 3. a resident of this State for 5 years immediately preceding the Governor's election; and
 4. holding no other public office.
- (Cal. Constitution, Art. 5, Sec. 2)

What is the term of office for the Lieutenant Governor?

The Lieutenant Governor is elected every fourth year and holds office from the Monday after January 1 following the election until a successor is sworn in.
(Cal. Constitution, Art.5, Sec.2)

The Lieutenant Governor is elected at the same time and places and for the same term as the Governor, Attorney General, Controller, Secretary of State, and Treasurer.
(Cal. Constitution, Art.5, Sec.11)

The Lieutenant Governor may not serve in the same office for more than 2 terms.
(Cal. Constitution, Art.5, Sec.11)

How are vacancies filled?

Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Lieutenant Governor, the Governor shall nominate a person to fill the vacancy who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority of the Senate and a majority of the Assembly and who shall hold office for the balance of the unexpired term.
(Cal. Constitution, Art.5, Sec.5)

If the nominee is neither confirmed nor refused confirmation within 90 days of being nominated, the nominee shall take office as if he or she had been confirmed. However, if the 90-day period ends during a recess of the Legislature, the period shall be extended until the sixth day following the day on which the Legislature reconvenes.

(Cal. Constitution, Art.5, Sec.5)

What duties are described in the state constitution?

If a recall of the Governor is initiated, and sufficient signatures are certified for the recall, the Lieutenant Governor shall call a recall election to be held not less than 60 days nor more than 80 days from the date of certification of the signatures.

(Cal. Constitution, Art.2, Sec.15 & 17)

The Lieutenant Governor is President of the Senate but has only a tie-breaking vote.

(Cal. Constitution, Art.5, Sec.9)

The Lieutenant Governor shall act as Governor during the impeachment, absence from the State, or other temporary disability of the Governor or of a Governor-elect who fails to take office.

(Cal. Constitution, Art.5, Sec.10)

The Lieutenant Governor shall become Governor when a vacancy occurs in the office of Governor.

(Cal. Constitution, Art.5, Sec.10)

The Lieutenant Governor shall be an ex officio member of the University of California Board of Regents.

(Cal. Constitution, Art.9, Sec.9)

The Lieutenant Governor currently has additional [responsibilities](#) which are not delineated in the Constitution.

What restrictions exist for the Lieutenant Governor to eliminate the appearance of a conflict of interest?

Like all state officers, the Lieutenant Governor may not knowingly receive any income from a lobbyist or lobbying firm, or from a person who during the previous year has been under a contract with any agency under the jurisdiction of the state officer.

(Cal. Constitution, Art.5, Sec.14)

If the Lieutenant Governor received any income from a lobbyist employer before assuming office, the Lieutenant Governor may not vote upon or in any way attempt to use his or her official position to influence an action or decision before an agency for which he or she serves, for a period of one year following receipt of the income.

(Cal. Constitution, Art.5, Sec.14)

The Lieutenant Governor may not accept any honorarium.

(Cal. Constitution, Art.5, Sec.14)

The Lieutenant Governor may not knowingly accept any compensation for appearing, agreeing to appear, or taking any other action on behalf of another person before any state government board or agency.

(Cal. Constitution, Art.5, Sec.14)

The Lieutenant Governor may not lobby for compensation before the executive branch of state government for 12 months after leaving office.

(Cal. Constitution, Art.5, Sec.14)

How is the compensation of the Lieutenant Governor determined?

The California Citizens Compensation Commission, which consists of seven members appointed by the Governor, establishes the annual salary and the medical, dental, insurance, and other similar benefits of State Officers, including the Lieutenant Governor.

(Cal. Constitution, Art.3, Sec.8)

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